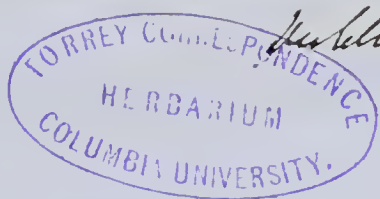


Recd. July 2nd 1849
And May 27 1850
by Dr. Jones



Dublin 16 June 1849.

My Dear Sir;

I must say how pleased I was to receive your letter & very interest by pamphlets particularly the notice of Colclough. I do not know before that Cadwalader was a country man & the son of a Gwentshire Minister. From his Celtic pronunciation I thought he had been a native of the ancient principality of Wales. I must beg your pardon to be content with my thanks for your donation for I am ashamed to say that in the mean time I could make any return & must plead poverty. I am as you may imagine most anxious to find this place and have had some prospect of going to Belfast & have fortunately retired from the contest as I think I was not well used in the matter. At the same time I do not well know what to make of myself for the Society here is not of a kind which singing or is of a very intellectual kind.

You enquire respecting our new Colleges. And there is nothing I wish on the matter however the following remarks will give you an idea of their character. They are much disapproved by the High Church party & the priests on account of what constitutes in my opinion their noblest feature the total absence of sectarianism. They are literary & scientific colleges open to all religions. The professors are appointed by the government & have to have a salary of £200 & each pupil pays a fee of £2. Such however is the general opinion of all parties in this unhappy land that some of the chairs will under the best management be very uncomfortable. It is would undertake to lecture on Mental Science or the Philosophy.

of history in an Irish college? Such professions must touch upon the
reformation rights of conscience & the whole popish hierarchy
such as e.g. even as it is the Roman bishops actually applied
to be unseated in the appointment of professors of Anatomy as if
they might excommunicate from the dissection room. It is with no
feelings of intolerance but from a genuine knowledge of the other
Roman Catholic countries that I state my conviction that the ~~the~~ the
Charlottes & Socialists have not such stumbling-blocks in the way
of the social improvement of Europe as the Roman priesthood
It is in great part owing to priestly influence that the French
Republic has proved so miserable an abortion. But for them how
simple would educational questions become! The leaders of movements
you are receiving from this country will one day prove an embarrassment
on your side of the Atlantic as they ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~useful~~ ^{useful} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~us~~ ^{us}.



Do not know how your scientific patronage is increased or
whether political influence are as safe as with us
especially in Scotland where though to say the Reform Bill
to beneficence in other respects has rendered scientific patronage
far more than under the old system. State this with
a knowledge of such matters such as few possess.

To return to those interesting matters you allude me by
the record of the gigantic scale on which the records of
the Exploring Expedition are to be published I put me
in mind of what the French call la grande Ouvre.

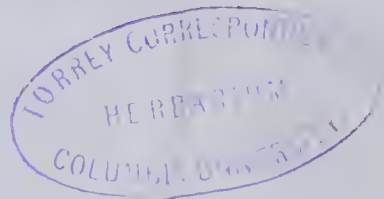
Lin. & Gey. etc.

As to my Portuguese plants I am afraid few remain but such as they
are I shall send them by Barney who will soon reach you. That
interesting country has scarcely been explored & indeed the only original works
on the subject as those of Botero & the other eminent Portuguese botanist
Cama de Lima spend his days in exile. The persecution of the Inquisition
and Botero wrote such for twelve years & Lima for nearly all his life.
At present Barney is at a very low ebb the Royal Garden of Ajuda
near Lisbon is wretched & that at Coimbra still worse. It is not a
Museum paid for an English botanist who does not know the
language for every revolution turns over a set of hands who
do the work. I am true I travelled in the midst of a
civil war & lived among guerrillas but without vanity may say
that very few could have done it & I was extremely successful &
I owe my success to the simple way in which I travelled & to a little
shot acquired in managing the native character. In fact Antonio &
I were always friends.

So an our Mineral collector is out of town so that I can not
obtain anything for you but shall keep you in mind & may
get something before he sets out for your country when I hope he
will as he deserves be successful.

Very sincerely yours

John Gussak



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